

Kuwait Chapter  
Association of United States Army  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MINUTES  
7 February 2011  
at US Embassy

Attendees: by Board Members Randy Williams, Patricia Patrick, John Homerin, 1LT Travis Hawkins, Chief Nathalie Swisher (USAF), Samar Mansour, Fawzia Chamadar (Wataniya), SGM Melvin Johnson, LTC AJ Johnson, Dr. Ziyad Selim, Meghan McCabe, Dana Winner, Darden Eure, Nola Maloney, Simon Khayat, Gae Lyn Anderson, TSgt Chris Ingalls, SGT Damian Belanger, Peter Cowden, Tony Gittens, and a military driver for CMsgt Swisher.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Review Minutes**

Motion made and seconded to accept January minutes after a correction of name spelling; all members approved.

**B. Treasurer Report**

John Homerin gave a report on the status of funds in the three bank accounts. He will send the Chapter Financials Report to AUSA National by 1 March.

**C. Review Chapter Status/Web Site**

AUSA Kuwait's score is up to 780 points, with 187 Member, but we are losing 7 members this month. It seems that the AUSA National Web Site still does not support chapter membership applications online for our corporate sponsors with no US credit card or USD bank account. Randy announced the \$1 increase in membership dues as of 1 March.

**D. Review GMM – 29 Jan at the Movenpick.** The Chapter accomplished all of its goals at this GMM. We had four potential sponsors step forward and Patricia reported on six new members signing up.

- Randy forgot to mention the planned donation to the ILW, but John Homerin will still make a donation to the Institute of Land Warfare in honor of the 29 January GMM

**E. Fund Drive/Other Potential Sponsors:** We currently have pledges for 10,600 KD of the 23,000 KD target for the funding of the Golf

Tournament & Banquet. 5,500 KD of these pledges are already in the bank. Randy went over the list of pledged sponsors and then assigned potential sponsors for follow up by various Board Members.

**F. Appreciation Banquet:** Randy and Patricia will visit the venue this week to confirm arrangements.

1. Kuwaiti Souq. Meghan provided an update and introduced a Burghan Bank representative who will donate use of an ATM to this effort.
2. Slide sets of photos & logos/plaques of appreciation. Randy and Rania will work this part. Military honoree names and information will be gathered by SGM Johnson and provided to Randy.
3. Sponsor Tables and reception. Patricia will lead the team of volunteers, including Gae Lyn, Meghan, and Fowzia on this.
4. Seating Arrangement for Head Table, VIPS, Sponsors. Randy, Rania, Ziyad and John Homerin will work this area.
5. Flags/Anthems/Songs. SGM Johnson will speak to Nola about the flags.
6. Security/Kitchen Vetting. Randy provided Nola with the contact information, but we do not know who will be doing this or when.
7. Guest Speakers. Don Thomas is set to come and we are still waiting for the name of a General Officer from the military. Randy has offered Ambassador Jones a chance to speak, but we do not yet know if she will attend. The Ambassadors of the UK and Australia have confirmed attendance.

**G. Tournament:** The Committee (George, Darden, and Pete) have met several times and have been in communication with the staff at the venue. All sports items have been ordered and should arrive on time.

1. Committees
  - a. Bag Stuffing. The team is set
  - b. Registration & Scoring. Darden will lead
  - c. Mulligans, AUSA Membership, Bag handout. John Homerin will handle Mulligans. Patricia will have volunteers to handle the other two tables.
2. Banners on course. Randy will set this up once all logos are in.
3. Trophies/Prizes. We have not set the budget yet, and will look to the MWR folks to purchase these items.
4. Refreshments on Course. Patricia and Cathy Gottcent working on this.
5. Guest Speakers. Similar to the Banquet, Don Thomas is set, but the military speaker is unconfirmed.

## **II. New Business**

- A. **Calendar Update.** Randy covered the upcoming dates.
- B. **New Slate of Officers for May elections.** Randy introduced this topic but said that this will be a major issue at the April meeting.

III. **Next Meeting** – March 6th Board Meeting will be at Sahara Club at 10 Am.

IV. **Follow-up:**

Corrected Certificate of Appreciation from General Touhill for Casper & Gambinis still needs to be give to Maher – He was supposed to attend tonight